

Re: Move Out and Securing Paxton/Bradley Pacoima

Subject: Re: Move Out and Securing Paxton/Bradley Pacoima

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Hello Chuck,

LASAN will be posting the location for a CARE+ cleanup to occur Friday morning to remove the remaining items left at the encampment. Would it be possible to plan to begin the fencing installation Friday afternoon? What would be the latest the contractor could start?

Paola

On Tue, Apr 21, 2020 at 3:00 PM Chuck Kwan <chuck.kwan@lacity.org> wrote:

Okay, I'll notify Quality Fence of the change in schedule. So tentatively Friday is a better time.



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On Tue, Apr 21, 2020 at 2:31 PM Paola Bassignana <paola.bassignana@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Chuck,

The homeless services crews were back out there today, now accompanied by LASAN, to help clients sort through materials they are taking and those they would like disposed of. The volume of materials they are processing is very large, and as such the process is going to take longer than originally projected. We will need to push back the fencing installation date in order to make sure everything is cleared and safe for the installers. I'm hoping perhaps mid day Thursday, or Friday morning will be a better time.

Nonetheless the progress made tomorrow will inform the timing. I'll send an update tomorrow.

Thank you,
Paola

On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 4:15 PM Paola Bassignana <paola.bassignana@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Chuck,

Early Wednesday works as well if Tuesday does not offer enough time. I can join on Monday morning for the site visit, wearing my best light blue mask.

Thank you,
Paola

On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 2:43 PM Chuck Kwan <chuck.kwan@lacity.org> wrote:

Paola,

Given the uncertainties at this time, late Tuesday afternoon after CARE completes the cleanup and sanitization might not provide enough time for the fencing contractor to complete the work. I suggest tentatively early Wednesday may be preferable. We can discuss this further next Monday when you may have more information. I have scheduled a site meeting with Frank Tobias, owner of Quality Fence and contractor installing the fence, Monday at 11 am at the Lowe's Parking lot.

Let me know if you can join us at this meeting or have any questions.

thanks,



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On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 2:23 PM Paola Bassignana <paola.bassignana@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Al,

Attached are some marked up images to show the scope of the fencing we would like to see. I apologize, I don't have access to photoshop at the moment so they are quite rudimentary. The installation would be for late afternoon Tuesday 4/21, around 2pm. I can confirm that exact time a little later today but it would not be earlier than that.

In essence we would like an 8-10' tall fence (open to recommendations on appropriate height) that goes from the end of the neighboring business's wall (as seen in East Side View) to the wall abutting the residential property on the other side of the underpass (as seen in West Side View).

In the event not all the clients at that site leave, we would still like to put up the fencing, but would ask that we work around them. IF they remain--we are hopeful the more resistant 10 in the middle will accept the housing--would it be possible to plan for something like what I've shown in the "Unmoved Persons Scenario?" LAFH remains hopeful all will accept housing once they see the large group of 35 being housed. Just wanted to have a plan in place in the event they don't that we can all work with.

I plan to be on-site the day of. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns after reviewing the images. (213)257-0047 or (626)893-2074.

Thank you,
Paola

On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 12:32 PM Paola Bassignana <paola.bassignana@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Al,

Thanks for your call, and thank you Martin for coordinating. I'm putting together some visuals to help clarify the desired scope. As soon as that's finished I'll email it here.

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Best,
Paola

On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 11:53 AM Martin Schlageter <Martin.Schlageter@lacity.org> wrote:

Paola, I think we found a way. Someone will be calling you soon to make sure the specifics of the work are clear and may need to meet you on site.

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On Fri, Apr 17, 2020, 9:13 AM Paola Bassignana <paola.bassignana@lacity.org> wrote:

Thanks Martin,

I'll reach out to BOE as a second option in the meantime. Would temporary construction construction fencing also be an option?

Unfortunately after the initial pole placement Caltrans hasn't really shown any interest in much more than debris cleaning after much debate and coordination, so I'm not too confident in that as an option.


Thanks,
Paola

On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 7:49 AM Martin Schlageter <Martin.Schlageter@lacity.org> wrote:

Paola,
Our guys are inspecting the area today, but I'm concerned because their first response was that we didn't have the materials necessary to do this and that the procurement could take a while and that BOE might be a better and quicker option for you. That raised for me another thought, given the background you sent. I wonder if you could ask Caltrans to continue with their intended work so that they are protecting their assets and just take a Council action to allow them a right of entry or something that would allow them to do it. Obviously that would have to be figured out, but perhaps if Caltrans was ready to do it, that might even be quicker. More info after my guys inspect, but I'm worried that you may need to explore alternatives.

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On Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 5:21 PM Paola Bassignana <paola.bassignana@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Martin,

Thanks for calling today regarding our fencing request for Paxton/Bradley in Pacoima. I've attached a zip folder with photos that hopefully can help orient your team as to the location and scope. I've also cc'd Sarah Bell who is leading the Sanitation team aspect of this effort so we are all communicating. Thanks to you both.

As an update to both of you, the motel opening got pushed up to Monday and Tuesday move-ins (4/20-21). There are 42 folks there, and the 35 who are moving are from the outer edges of the encampment moving towards the middle, so there (maybe) 10 remaining individuals towards the middle under the underpass. LA Family Housing is working on getting them 10 beds at the winter shelter currently so hopefully that pans out by next week and they are all housed so we have the whole space to work with.

The encampment is located on the northwest side of the Paxton/Bradley intersection (see google map image). Back when it was thought this property belonged to Caltrans, they installed polls where they intended on installing a fence. Those are still currently up. Caltrans will be providing us with a memo by Friday demonstrating that it is actually City of LA Right of Way.

Essentially, in concurrence with the service provider's recommendation, would like to install a fence around the area where the tents are currently installed (matches the fence line where the caltrans polls are) once the individuals have vacated and leftover belongings disposed of.

The proposed workflow would be:

- Monday individuals and their essential belongings are moved in groups to the motel over multiple trips. No LASAN or BSS action.
- Tuesday remaining clients and their belongings would be moved, and a handful of key clients will return to mark what needs to be disposed of and take any remaining belongings.
- Tuesday afternoon LASAN CARE team (CARE+ if we are lucky) to help collect and dispose trash and items deemed for disposal.
- Tuesday afternoon into Wednesday BSS can begin installing fencing
- Friday regularly scheduled CARE+ will service the area

I apologize this is such a short turn around, but this big opportunity came up quickly.

Questions that we'll have to figure out in real time:

What happens if everyone doesn't leave?

- LAFH has shared most folks are very excited about moving into housing, however, there is always the possibility there might be some who refuse. We will need to be flexible and secure what we can around any folks that remain. As I mentioned the folks more up in the air are in the center, so we might have to leave their section untouched if they remain. LAFH in the past expressed they could try to get remaining folks to consolidate to one area, so that's a possibility too.

Thanks for looking into this Martin, and feel free to call me with any questions.

Best,
Paola




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